He Has It Operated on With Indifferent Success.

HE TELLS US ALL ABOUT IT

Then After Long Years of Waiting, With Pour Eyesight, He Tries an Emi-

nent Oculist's Skill. NEW York CITY, September, 1892.

A celebrated writer on opthalmic matters mys: "We point with much prids to the wooderful mechanism of the eye and its great perfection, and yet if we were to buy a pair of opera glasses that were no repairer, perfection than the average pair of eyes we would return them to the merchanton the following day." This is largely due to the fact that they are unlike, and this trouble may be the result of had usage or in-heritance, to say nothing of had and unskilled operations, accidents, ill health,

Twentystonr years ago, when I was a lad, it was discovered one day by close students of the human eye that I had a case of very mild strabismus. It was not so severe as to worry me, but kind friends, who should have known better. decided to turn me over to a physician and surgeon. The man selected was one of those silent, morose, brutal kind, who say little, remain dignified through life and die leaving the impression that they had an enormous reserve power of thought which they never used. I have often wished that I had been gifted that way, for there is no chance to criticise a severe man who never save anything. He lives and dies a great man in the eyes of the hel polloi, for they never know when he might possibly say some-

This doctor cut off legs and arms with great rapidity. He had been in the war of 1812, or some such war, and had done a good deal toward bringing peace about, for both friend and foe decided that he was worse than arson, treason, rapine and death, so the war closed.

I was handed over to him just as children used to be fed to the erocodiles of the Asiatic countries. We wanted his good will, even if it cost a lobe of the liver of the oldest child or an eye or an ear to make him feel pleasant.

The reader has doubtless known in his or her life a country doctor of this class; one who settles all great questions with a grunt, likes to be regarded as taciturn. and has a way of losing his temper in time to prevent the discovery of his ignorance. This mun was one of that

He had called in a convention of other doctors to see the operation-doctors from Trimbelle, Eau Galley, Little Bethel neighborhood, Harriman's Landing and Beldenville, also from Erin Prairie and East Unionforever.

Cocaine was unknown then, and so the doctor had a brother physician from Primroy's Bridge hold my head with hands that smelled like a pair of saddle hags. I can smell them yet. The operating surgeon, the sphynx who never was known to smile, went into a little dark closet and smiled by himself, coming back with his coat off and the odor

He had ground up a pair of curved toenall scissors and had them lying on he elicioth of the table. He now picked up a button hook which he had used during the Mexican war, and asked me to look intently at the collar button on the back of my neck while he "made an examination." This he did by rolling up the lid and fastening it in "the forward," as he called it. Then he hooked the button hook under the internal rectus muscle,



THE PERST OPERATION.

us he stated, to hold the eye stendy and give him a clumes at it with his toenail sensors. He now took off his cuffs and gave them to tits doctor from Pleasant Valley to hold, wiped his glasses and took some more mines pie material. which he trearbed on me while operat ing, and thus deeped me up, vicariously, so that I fell like another man.

He ent the rectus muscle entirely off. It took him some time, but he did it. A were able physician did the same trick for Robert Tool Lincoln, now minister to England. The blood ran down my face quite plenty, while the surgeon called the doctors from Erin Prairie and Harriman's Landing to come and see what a heantiful operation it was. They said it was by far the most attractive operation they had ever seen outside of a

I then returned to my studies with a grown patch over this eye, but I caught a slight coul in the eye one evening while being hand, and so had to have college for the time, and suffered a great deal with my eve. Tours afterward the erebegins to drift off to the left, and people who came to call on me got to calling in pairs, so that one rottle book me in the eye from front while the other would take me on the flank and compy my attention from that deriction. Strangers reported that I had a glass ove, and come waid that I must have a very poor record inited, as I never sensed able to look sess in the des. This was true. But easy few of my years could look two in the eye may better than I could,

Years afterward I naw, even with me odd and endous vision, that I had out freed from the gromest malpractice. The away from the back of the ball of the have paid out over \$100 m rain trying harpe tim goth of the country wide because over discount it also from the optic norwe, to find relief his next he me what John L. Sullivan became to them with foreign draw the old and A last friend arrived me to scope a bin antiones on the night of the Tth disapplated nimete forward and street in the last transfer and the last transfer and the heat transfer and the heat from the last transfer and the heat from and adipose times deference, proved and first,"

BILL HAS AN EYE stachment on the inner corner had per may begin with the merrymaking." mitted the eye to protrude and give me a choked appearance, as one might have if his neighbors had taken the law into their own hands.

It was at this time that Dr. Black-Smith, the man who had operated on my eye, brought suit against the town for damages, and although I had just attained my majority, together with an undivided one-fourth interest in a mortgage on the farm, which was now falting due, I was that year drawn as a member of the petit jury, and was one of the highly ornamented wooden panel called upon to try the case of Dr. I. B. Black-Smith versus The City.



We listened to the testimony for two or three days. Now and then I would ok at the doctor with my game eye sternly. Then I would turn the other eye and beautiful Roman nose on him.

Finally his lawyer said to him: "Doctor, who is that young blond juryman with the misunderstanding beween his eyes, who now and then looks at you as though he would like to do

some autopsy work for you?"
"Me God?" said Dr. Black-Smith, "I believe that's young Nye, whose eye I operated on to for strabismus years ago. Why didn't I know that before and have him excused from the jury?"

"Ales, it is too late now, and I can see by the way he acts that he intends to lina I was awakened in the night by a hang the jury," spoke up the lawyer. As I went to my dinner a trembling hand with the odor of a deodorizer upon it offered me a cigar wrapped up in a

bank note. It was a poor cigar, and the bank note was very ordinary in size and execution, so I showed it to the jury. told where it came from and sent it back. I was not smoking at that time,

The jury took everything into conederation, and remembering that the suit was brought to recover the value of a broken leg on account of a defective sidewalk, and that Dr. Black-Smith admitted that he had worn overshoes habitually before that, but on that night "had his skates on" instead, having taken seven or eight of what the London barrister calls "refreshers," though different of course in this country, they did not seem favorable to the

The jury sat up all night, and by noon the next day was able to disagree. It was my first and last experience on a ferred to in this letter is given a ficjury. The odor of a jury room still | titious name because he is in the glory comes back to me if I ride to England in the steerage, or go down cellar late at | call him there. night to find a large gas leak between me and the meter.

Last year I called on a very excellent oculist, who said that even if I ever had the eye readjusted I would not see with it, as there had been a hemorrhage of the retina. This would act as a spatter of dried blood on a mirror, destroying its power of reflection. Another oculist said that laok of use was all that ailed the eye, so he wore me out looking through eight bushels of lenses, and finally fitted me out with a pair of spectacles, which I'used till I got vertigo and then returned to the old ones.

This year I decided to consult an eye surgeon of great repute, and see what he

I went to his office at 9:30 a. m. to see if he had reached the office. He had, but there were nineteen people ahead of me. I waited'till 2:20 p. m. and got a short glimpse of the eye trimmer's part-ner. He looked me over and said that I must come early or I would have to wait quite awhile. "Tomorrow will be our busy day, because you know this is Labor Day, and so we have excused half our patients till temorrow."

I went the next morning before daylight and sat on the step till the milkman came, and he let me into the basement for a dollar. There I remained till the maid began dusting the reception room; then I got in there and looked at eleven people who live near him came with him to be attended to, and a clergyman from Montana wanted to take an early train, so he got in shead of me also, People who say that newspaper men defy all rules and get the finest cut from the best joint have never closely studied. the soft and elastic feather bed upon which the clerical auchorite journeys toward what he hopes is even a still bet-

ter and more well disposed world. The doctor finally saw me. He was wiging his hands on a napkin and putting away a bloody crochet book as 1 drug store. Large size 50c and \$1.00. entered. "And how long have you been looking over your left shoulder into the

past that way, Mr. Nye?" he asked, "For twenty four years," I replied, sitting down on a soft, elastic, round object, which gave me a chill as I thought have they had neglected to put away the last eye they had secured.

However, it was a small rubber bulb, per box. For sain by Peck Bros., drug-used mostly on a big squirt, by means of grats, corner Montoe and Divason-eta. which the doctor keeps, the eye covered

with a moth preparation. I judge. the sculist, dropping a whole lot of the people of this country that it is bonsehold utensils into a fingerbowl full superior to all other preparations for blood diseases. It is a practice sure for rectus muscle was completely out off from the ero, leaving it as smooth and I implies. It purifies the whole sysfrom the eye, leaving it as smooth and shiny as the top of your head. In twenty turon, years it has grown on again at the pos-terior precinct of the eye. The confunctive has gone buck into the cerebetlum, and is used for thinking instead of winking. I will have to come the more in formule trouble for over a a years and I

For two or three hours, during which the only delight I had was in thinking that twenty-seven people were in the parlor swaiting their turn and trying to read their papers the second time over with angry eyes, two able surgeons empped and tripped and cut the basting threads of my eye, pausing now and then to get a breath of air and look at a work on "The Human Eye in Health

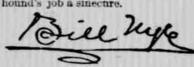
I went back on the 8th and took my turn with the rest to have the eye examined again. It looked like Sullivan's, and I was mad, because I had got a box for the theater the night before and was going to entertain friends at dinner and then take them to the theater. After the doctor had cut the muscle loose, and was looking about in my mental was cbasket to see where it had flopped to, he told me incidentally that I must not attend the theater for some several days.

So when I went back on the following day to wait, and other patients saw the live without a copy of raddy complexion of my eye, they began to inquire about New Orleans and why I had backed Sullivan if I did not want to be treated that way. I said something severe especially to a patient from Ni agara Falls who is here to get a cataract removed, and he being a Sullivan man. and discovering that I had been for Corbett all the way through, not alone because I favor refinement and a reasonable amount of temperance, but because I believed to the extent of a good gold watch and some rubles that he would win, and also because Sullivan had warned me to shut up or he would shut me up, and had therefore failed to endear himself to me, he, the man from Niagara Falls with a cataract and \$575 short at odds of five to one, made a pass at me, which I parried with my forehead and led back to him with a holly wood bracket, which was added to my

bill by the oculist. Kindly hands and a large fat officer removed the man and his cataract from me just as he had perched himself on my breastbone and began to prespect around my well eye with his thumb, intending to expose it and thus humiliate me by sending me down Broadway in the daylight with a naked eye.

As we rode up here from North Caropowerful odor which came in at the open window. It took me back to a summer night on the farm when I went down in our well to clean it out and found one of those cats that frequent the poles so much, and are called polar cats, I think. It seems that we had run over one in the night and he had taken the only means at hand at the time for letting us know that he had been seriously injured.

The polar cat does not sing, but his remarks, ignorant and unlettered as he is, attract instant and earnest attention. Whether it is due to lack of proper attention to his bathing or from decayed teeth, he seems to have a personal air about him which makes the bloodhound's job a sinecure.



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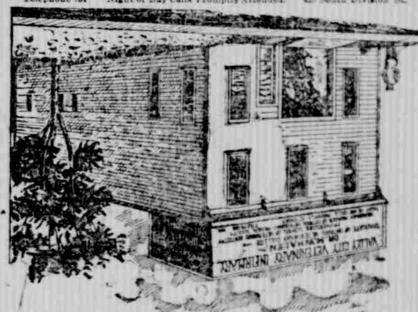


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